



THE RIGHT TO LIFE

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“You shall not kill.” EXODUS 20:13

lo ratzach in Exodus 20:13 means “you shall not murder” and even more specifically “you shall not kill an innocent life unlawfully.”

When Killing Is Not Murder

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If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him. EXODUS 22:2-3; 1 SAMUEL 25:13; JUDGES 5:8; LUKE 22:36

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“From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.” GENESIS 9:6; ROMANS 13:4

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Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Say to the people of Israel, ‘Appoint the cities of refuge . . . They shall be for you a refuge from the avenger of blood.’” JOSHUA 20:1-2

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“The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.” EXODUS 15:3; ROMANS 13:4

“War for the sake of war is sin, but war for the sake of defense is duty.” MARTIN LUTHER

- When _____ orders the killing.

“Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.” 1 SAMUEL 15:3

Jesus and Murder in the Heart – Matthew 5:21-26

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.” MATTHEW 5:21-22

1. Make _____ a priority.

“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” MATTHEW 5:23-24

2. _____ your differences quickly!

“Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.” MATTHEW 5:25-26